

Thursday, April 15, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Conference Report on Congressional Budget.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3725–S3821

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 805–825, S.J. Res. 19, S. Res. 77–80, and S. Con. Res. 26.

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Measures Passed:

Commending University of Connecticut Men's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 77, commending and congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 1999 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. Pages S3756–58

Uniformed Services Filing Fairness Act: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 87), Senate passed H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, clearing the measure for the President.

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Prior to this action, Senate completed consideration of S. 767 (Senate companion measure), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-month extension for the due date for filing a tax return for any member of a uniformed service on a tour of duty outside the United States for a period which includes the normal due date for such filing.

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Subsequently, S. 767 was placed back on the Senate calendar.

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Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, to authorize representation of Members and officers of the Senate in the case of *Jim Russell v. Albert Gore, et al.*

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Designating Chairman/Joint Economic Committee: Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, designating the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee for the 106th Congress.

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Rescue Mission of Mr. Ivers Sims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 80, congratulating Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley for their bravery and courage in the April 12, 1999, rescue mission of Mr. Ivers Sims.

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Terry Sanford Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 911, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building", clearing the measure for the President.

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Congressional Budget—Conference Report: By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 86), Senate agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

Pages S3725–56

Appointments:

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 103–419, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights: Ellsie M. Meeks of South Dakota. Page S3820

International Sessions Relating to Trade Agreements: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100–418, appointed the following individuals to serve as Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senators Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Moynihan, and Baucus.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William J. Hibbler, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Matthew F. Kennelly, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Francis Baca, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2001.

Robert Nelson Baldwin, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2001.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

32 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—87)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, April 19, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3820.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, D. Mark Catlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary for Health, and

Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary for Benefits, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James E. Johnson, Under Secretary for Enforcement, Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner of the Customs Service, John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Brian L. Stafford, Director, United States Secret Service, W. Ralph Basham, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and James F. Sloan, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury.

U.S.-KOSOVO POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the United States policy regarding Kosovo, and a revised strategic concept for NATO, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for research and development, after receiving testimony from Neal Lane, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; C. Dan Brand, Federal Laboratory Consortium, National Center for Toxicology Research, Jefferson, Arkansas; Albert H. Teich, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.; and Teri F. Willey, ARCH Development Corporation, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

ALASKA LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 501, to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Alaska State Senator Robin Taylor, Robert W. Loescher, Sealaska Corporation, Frank Rue, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Buck Lindekugel, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Dale Kelley, on behalf of the Alaska Trollers Association and Allied Fishermen of Southeast Alaska, all of Juneau, Alaska; Jack Hession, Sierra Club, Anchorage, Alaska; Marcia

Frenz-Argust, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Gerry Merrigan, Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, Petersburg, Alaska; and

S. 744, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Alaska State Senator Robin Taylor, and Marc Wheeler, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, both of Juneau, Alaska; and Mark R. Hamilton, University of Alaska, and Jack Hession, Sierra Club, both of Anchorage, Alaska.

PARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION/ RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 109, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, S. 340, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to make technical corrections, S. 582, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, S. 589, to require the National Park Service to undertake a study of the Loess Hills area in western Iowa to review options for the protection and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources, S. 591, to authorize a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa, and H.R. 149, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, after receiving testimony from Patricia Beneke, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior; Roy Richards, Jr., Southwire Company, Carolton, Georgia; William W. Moore, Gateway Visitor Center Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Maurice Welte, Loess Hills Alliance, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; and Shirley Frederiksen, Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development, Oakland, Iowa.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held oversight hearings on the Department of Transportation's implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century, receiving testimony from Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Gordon J. Linton, Administrator,

Federal Transit Administration, and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Missouri State Representative Joan Bray, St. Louis, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Jean Jacobson, Racine County, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Mayor Kenneth L. Barr, Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Robert T. Bartlett, Monrovia, California, on behalf of the National League of Cities; and Taylor R. Bowlden, American Highway Users Alliance, and Roy Kienitz, Surface Transportation Policy Project, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to the complexity of the individual income tax, focusing on the impact of changes to tax law, Alternative Minimum Tax, phase outs, education savings incentives, child and child care credit, retirement plans, and simplifications proposals, after receiving testimony from W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Kathy T. Burlison, H & R Block, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; David A. Lifson, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York, New York; Gregory L. Steinbis, Morgan Hill, California, on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents; and William J. Wilkins, American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Washington, D.C.

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, focusing on proposed amendments to revive and expand the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (Treaty Doc. 92-24), after receiving testimony from Caspar Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began mark-up of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, to amend title 11, United States Code, to reform bankruptcy law, but did not complete consideration thereof, and will meet again on Thursday, April 22.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 21.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 1427–1472; 1 private bill, H.R. 1473; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86–87 and H. Res. 141, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Rodney H. Travis.

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Constitutional Amendment for Tax Limitations: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 37, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations by a yeas and nays vote of 229 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 90, with 2/3 required for passage.

Pages H2068–98

H. Res. 139, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H2061–68

Tax Benefits for Military Personnel: The House passed H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 91.

Pages H2098–H2101

Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to consider H.R. 1376; that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill be considered as adopted; and to lay H. Res. 140 on the table.

Page H2098

Fiftieth Anniversary of NATO: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and welcoming the three newest members of NATO, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic, into NATO.

Pages H2101–02

Honoring the Crew of the U.S.S. Alabama: The House agreed to H. Res. 123, recognizing and honoring the crewmembers of the U.S.S. *Alabama* (BB-60) and the U.S.S. *Alabama* Crewmen's Association.

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Military Personnel Detained by the Government of Yugoslavia: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 83, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its President Slobodan Milosevic release the three illegally detained United States servicemen and abide by the Geneva Convention protocols regarding

the treatment of both prisoners of war and innocent civilians. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H2101–04

Agreed to the Gilman amendment to strike all after the resolving clause and insert a new text and agreed to the Gilman amendment to strike the preamble and insert a new text. Pages H2103–04

Meeting Hour—Monday, April 19: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 19. Page H2104

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, April 20: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20 for morning-hour debate. Page H2104

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on April 21. Page H2104

Senate Messages: Message received by the Senate today appears on page H2057.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2097–98 and H2101. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WATERSHED PROJECTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing regarding Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Small Watershed Project and H.R. 728, The Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Bonilla; Danny D. Sells, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a continued appropriations hearing. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Fiscal Year

2000 D.C. Budget and on the Mayor's Short-term Action Plan. Testimony was heard from Alice Rivlin, Chair, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor and Linda W. Cropp, Council Chair.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on Native Americans. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued hearings on appropriations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

NATO MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on NATO military operations against the Republic of Yugoslavia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ENERGY LABORATORIES— COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on recent counterintelligence problems at Department of Energy laboratories. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Notra Trulock III, Special Advisor, Intelligence Activities; Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary; and Edward J. Curran, Director, Office of Counterintelligence; and Elizabeth Molter, former Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy.

TRENDS IN MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Trends in Money Laundering. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Elisabeth Bresee, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; and Bonni G. Tischler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Jodi Avergun, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern Division of New York; Donald Clemmer, Assistant Attorney General, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1073, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act.

BOND PRICE COMPETITION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 1400, Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999.

TRANSPLANTATION—INCREASE ORGAN SUPPLY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Putting Patients First: Increasing Organ Supply for Transplantation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPEDIMENTS TO UNION DEMOCRACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on "Impediments to Union Democracy: Department of Labor Enforcement of Rank-and-File Rights and the Boilermakers Union". Testimony was heard from Bernard Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on H.R. 782, Older Americans Act Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from Jeanette Takamura, Assistant Secretary, Aging, Department of Health and Human Services; and Raymond Uhalde, Deputy Assistant

Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

TAX REFORM IN THE STATES

Committee on Government Reform: Continued hearings on Tax Reform in the States, Part 2, of a series on National Problems, Local Solution: Federalism at Work. Testimony was heard from George Pataki, Governor, State of New York.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 974, District of Columbia College Access Act.

"CLINTON-GORE v. THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER"

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a joint hearing on "Clinton-Gore v. The American Taxpayer". Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the GAO; Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues; and James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administrations Issues; Deidre A. Lee, Acting Director, Management, OMB; Anne F. Thomson Reed, Chief Information Office, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; CHILD SURVIVAL AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROGRAM

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1211, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension calendar: H.R. 1379, Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Technical Corrections Act; H. Res. 128, amended, condemning the murder of human rights lawyer Rosemary Nelson and calling for the protection of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland; H. Con. Res. 54, amended, recognizing the historic significance of the first anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement; and H. Con. Res. 83, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its President Slobodan Milosevic release the three illegally detained United States servicemen and abide by the Geneva Convention protocols re-

garding the treatment of both prisoners of war and innocent civilians.

The Committee also held a hearing on The Child Survival and Infectious Disease Program: Achievements and Challenges for the Future. Testimony was heard from Barbara Turner, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Programs, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF; and public witnesses.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE—PROPOSALS TO PARTIALLY FILL

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Administration's proposal to utilize 28 million barrels of federal royalty oil to partially fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Testimony was heard from Rick Furiga, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Department of Energy; and Walter Cruickshank, Associate Director, Policy and Management Information Improvement, Mineral Management Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on migratory bird hunting regulations to increase the harvest of Mid-Continent light geese. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson of Minnesota and Pickering; John Rogers, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 834, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund. Testimony was heard from Delegate Norton; Robert Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NOAA BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA Fleet Maintenance and Planning, Aircraft Services and NOAA Corps. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Bob Taylor, Acting Deputy Director, NOAA Corps Operations; and George Ross, Assistant Inspector General, Audits; and public witnesses.

MELISSA VIRUS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on The Melissa Virus: Inoculating Our Information Technology from Emerging Threats. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institutes of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Michael A. Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure and Protection Center, FBI, Department of Justice; Keith Rhodes, Technical Director, Office of the Chief Scientist, GAO; and a public witness.

BEACHES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, CLEANUP, AND HEALTH ACT; RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended H.E. 999, Beaches Environmental Assessment, Cleanup, and Health Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved 6 Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

BEACHES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, CLEANUP, AND HEALTH ACT; RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 999, Beaches Environmental Assessment, Cleanup, and Health Act of 1999.

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action 6 Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
READINESS FOR YEAR 2000**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the readiness of the Department of Veterans Affairs for Year 2000, including emergency medical facility preparedness and coordination with FEMA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO: Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems; and Nabajyoti Barkakati, Technical Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Scientist; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Slachta, Jr., Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Thomas Phelps, Project Manager, Central Office Audit Operations Division; Hershel Gober, Deputy Secretary; Ernest D. Castro, Year 2000 Program Manager; Sally L. Wallace, Program Manager, Year 2000, Veterans Benefits Administration; Leonard R. Bourget, Project Manager, Year 2000; and Steven Wexler, Chief, Biomedical Engineering, both with the Veterans Health Administration; William K. Hubbard, Acting Deputy

Commissioner, Policy, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

SOCIAL SECURITY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the 1999 Social Security Trustees' Report. Testimony was heard from the following public members of the Social Security Board of Trustees: Stephen G. Kellison; and Marilyn Moon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 19 through April 24, 1999

Senate Chamber

Senate expects to consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 21, to hold hearings to review the recent report on the Federal Crop Insurance Program by the Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, 8:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: April 20, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the science and technology program and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 21, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Navy and Marines operating forces, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 22, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 21, to hold hearings on issues relating to telecommunications and internet access, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 21, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., SR-253.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine boxing industry regulations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 20, to hold hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on whether the United States has the natural gas supply and infrastructure necessary to meet projected demand, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 21, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings to review the Memorandum of Understanding signed by multiple agencies regarding the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration, 2 p.m., SD-366.

April 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; S. 581, to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park; and S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 20, to hold hearings on the nomination of George T. Frampton, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 19, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on issues relating to the targeting of assets of drug kingpins, 3:45 p.m., SD-562.

April 20, Full Committee, to resume hearings on United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

April 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine NATO's 50th anniversary summit, 2 p.m., SD-562.

April 21, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 2000-2001 for foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-562.

April 22, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine North Korea's prison camps, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 20, to hold hearings on the nominations of Eric T. Washington, to

be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Stephen H. Glickman, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and other regulatory reform legislation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 22, to hold hearings on issues relating to the Elementary Secondary Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 20, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 21, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 20, to hold hearings on S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 20, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, with the Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold joint hearings on domestic preparedness in the next generation, 2 p.m., SD-226.

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April 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on privacy issues surrounding the internet, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 21, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 1 p.m., SD-226.

April 22, Full Committee, business meeting to resume consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: April 21, to hold hearings on the threat of corruption to United States Law Enforcement along the Southwest border, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 20, to hold hearings on the Department of Veterans Affairs contingency plans for the year 2000, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: April 22, to hold hearings on issues relating to the oil industry and Y2K, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 22, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 20, Subcommittee on Interior, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 20 and 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 2 p.m., on April 20 and 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., on April 21, 2358 Rayburn.

April 20 and 21, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Interior, on Florida Initiative, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, April 20, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, joint hearing on reporting requirements under the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 and related statutes, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 authorizations for the international financial institutions and related programs, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, April 20, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 20, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Security at the Department of Energy's Laboratories: The Perspective of the General Accounting Office, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Reliability and Transmission in Competitive Electricity Markets, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, joint hearing on Identity Theft: Is There Another You? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 20, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on

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April 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Federal Prison Industries, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the following: H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act; and the Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 905, Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act; and H.R. 1150, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 22, hearing on Welfare Reform Is Working: A Report on State and Local Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs implementation of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 21, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the Embattled State of U.S.-China Relations: Assessing the Zhu Rongji Visit, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, hearing on the Need for New and Effective Policing in Northern Ireland, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 20, 21 and 22, to markup the following bills: H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions, 11 a.m., on April 20, 10:15 a.m., on April 21 and 10 a.m., on April 22, 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 20, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 791, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999; and H.R. 1104, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to markup pending business; and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 34, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; a measure to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and a measure to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 22, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following: the Forest Roads, Community

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Committee on Science, April 21, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Extension of Space Launch Indemnification, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 21, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Genetics Testing in the New Millennium: Advances, Standards and Implications, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 23, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the continuing need to conserve natural resources because of their limited nature, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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April 22, full Committee, to mark up the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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